TAIL OF THE MOON EXTRA: TODAY'S MISSION

"I WANT TO SEE HANZO AS A RAKUGO STORYTELLER!"

-CHIE, TOCHIGI PREFECTURE

IF I WAS IN THE AUDIENCE, I'D BE TOO BUSY ADMIRING HANZO'S GOOD LOOKS TO LAUGH AT HIS STORY HE'D PROBABLY BE MAD AT ME FOR NOT LISTENING ..
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
HOW DARE YOU LAUGH WHILE I'M TALKING TO YOU!!
HANZO'S HANDSOME EVEN WHEN HE'S ANGRY...
THIS IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THOSE RIDICULOUS STORIES, AND...
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WILL YOU GO AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND ASK ABOUT THE PERSON WHO LIVES HERE?
SOMEBODY SEEMS TO HAVE USED THE KITCHEN.
RANMARU!!

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I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
MITSUHIDE IS THE LAST PERSON TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
MAYBE HE'S GOT A SECRET LOVER?
I NEVER KNEW MITSUHIDE HAD A SAFE HOUSE IN THE CITY...
PHEW
IT LOOKS LIKE USAGI AND HANZO HAVE SAFELY ESCAPED...
Where are you?
IS THAT YOU, USAGI?
RANMARU AND THE OTHERS HAVE GONE...
SOB
MITSUHIDE, HELP ME.
SOB
I CAN'T GET OUT...
STOMP
STOMP
REALLY, MITSUHIDE ?!
TWITCH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
THIS IS MY SAFE HOUSE!!
I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL..
...BUT LOOKING FOR THEM IN SUCH A FORCEFUL MANNER IS ONLY GOING TO BRING ABOUT ILL FEELINGS AMONGST THE CIVILIANS.
I DID AGREE TO HELP HUNT THE IGA NINJA DOWN.
KNEEL
I'M SO SORRY! I HAD NO IDEA!!

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LE-RIN'S WAY OF THE MANGA 18

I wasn't sure if going to a school with an art department was going to help me find a job in the future, but I had a passion for drawing ever since I was young. My desire to learn more techniques grew stronger, so I told my mother about my plan. Unfortunately, I got a straight 'no' for an answer. The reason was that tuition fees for a private school were too expensive.

To be sure, going to a private school costs about 7-8 times more than going to a local high school, undoubtedly a big burden for a single-parent family like mine. But I still wanted to learn at an art department! That feeling just kept on growing.

YOUR QUICK THINKING SAVED USAGI, MITSUHIDE.
I CAME TO TELL YOU THAT RANMARU HAS BEGUN A HUNT FOR IGA NINJA.
RANMARU..
...IS HUNTING US DOWN?
RANMARU IS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.
I ADVISE YOU TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL IF YOU'RE GOING AROUND THE CITY.

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I FOUND USAMARU, TOO!
TMP
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I PICKED AS MANY HERBS AS I COULD, JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO, USA.
PANT
PANT
YOU'RE THE DUMMY!
NOOO...
YOU DUMMY...
I THOUGHT I MADE IT CLEAR NOT TO GO OUTSIDE! NOT ONLY DID YOU MAKE MAMEZO BREAK THAT PROMISE, BUT YOU ALSO TRIED TO HIDE IT BY LYING, AND ON AND ON AND ON...
I'M SORRY..
A BIG DUMMY, AT THAT!
AAAAH
BA-BUMP
YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T SEEN MAMEZO AROUND...
HUH?
SHHHK
I'LL DROP BY AGAIN TO SEE YOU LATER.
OH, DEAR ...
I...I WONDER WHERE MAMEZO WENT...?
I'M BACK.
ZWAK
ZWAK
IF HANZO FINDS OUT I SENT MAMEZO TO GO GET HERBS, THEN...

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I'M GOING TO MAKE A MEDICINE FOR MITSUHIDE'S EYES...
OK, MAMEZO!
LET'S WORK HARD AND MAKE THAT MEDICINE!!
...TO EARN HIS TRUST...
MUNCH
THAT'S POISONOUS !!
SOME POISONS WORK AS MEDICINE IF YOU ONLY TAKE SMALL AMOUNTS.
BUT DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME EVERY-BODY!
PHEW
...SO WE CAN STOP THE ATTACK ON IGA.

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BACK AT IGA, I COULD ALWAYS ASK FOR HELP FROM THE OLD PEOPLE AROUND ME...
...OR LOOK AROUND FOR HERBS AND ROOTS MYSELF...
I CAN SEE THAT...
NGH NGH
HAND-STAND ?!
I...
...CAN'T DO THIS ANY-MORE.
BUT I CAN'T CON-TINUE...
...MAKING MEDICINE HERE...
VERY WELL.
USAGI!!
THREE DAYS LATER
I'M BACK...
USA, HANG IN THERE...!!
...SO SHE THOUGHT THAT DOING A HANDSTAND WOULD HELP HER COME UP WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT. BUT SHE KEPT ON DOING IT...
THE MEDICINE-MAKING WASN'T GOING SO WELL...
SOB
SOB
WAKE UP!
WHAT HAPPENED?!

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I'M SO HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO GO OUT WITH YOU .. ♡
OKAY...
SEE YOU LATER.
I'LL BUY INGREDIENTS FOR THE SESAME DUMPLINGS, SO BE A GOOD BOY, MAMEZO. ☆
I NEED YOU TO LOOK AFTER THE HOUSE, MAMEZO.
OHOOO
I CAN'T ...?!
SHOCK
DON'T HOLD MY HAND!!
STOP COMPLAINING !!
...SOUNDS WEIRD...
THE NAME USAEMON ..
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A MAN NAMED USAEMON TODAY
OF COURSE NOT.
LOOKING AROUND THE SHOP MIGHT HELP STIMULATE YOUR IMAGINATION.
YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ME TO A MEDICINE SHOP IN THE CITY?
USA, YOU LOOK LIKE A MAN
CAN I COME TOO?
HANZO...
FLATTEN YOUR CHEST WITH SOME CLOTH OR SOMETHING!!
ERK.
HURRAY HURRAY

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WOOF
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YIP YIP
VROOM
AAAA

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THAT'S RATHER HARD TO SAY BECAUSE THERE'S A VARIETY OF MEDICINE. IT DEPENDS ON THE SYMPTOMS. EYE FATIGUE, OLD AGE, OR...
WHAT KIND OF MEDICINE DO YOU HAVE THAT SPECIALIZES IN HEALING EYESIGHT?
OH, RIGHT
Eyeb-bing
S... SURE..
THEN CAN YOU GIVE ME EVERYTHING THAT'S AVAILABLE?!
AND CAN YOU ALSO TELL ME WHAT ALL THE INGREDIENTS ARE? ♡
!

WHAT'S THIS POWDER?
IT'S DEER HORN. IT HAS A REFRESHING EFFECT ON THE BODY.
WHAT ABOUT THIS?!
THAT'S SNAPPING TURTLE. IT'S USED FOR REVITALIZATION AS WELL...
I like the sound of that!
SNAPPING TURTLE...
DON'T FORGET WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR
ARE THESE ALL... MEDICINE?!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
OOOOOH...
MEDICINE SHOP

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